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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: H.H. Birch et al.

Attorney Docket No. EXIN116550

Application No.: 09/648,581

Group Art Unit: 3625

Filed: August 25, 2000

Examiner: M.T. Thein

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MATCHING AN OFFER WITH A QUOTE

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS/  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

March 24, 2004

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A. Appeal

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decisions dated November 24, 2003, of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1-29.

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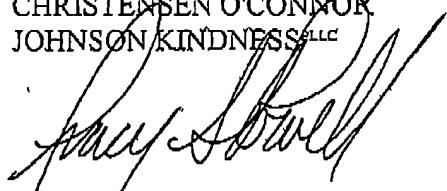
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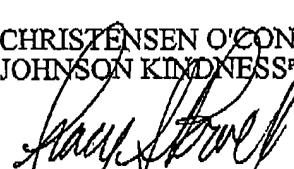
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